Mulund (East) Bombay recently;

(b) if so, what are the details of parties which had participated in the bid with details of their quotations;

(c) whether Government have received several complaints of not awarding the contract to the lowest Biddings causing loss of revenue to the company which is in several lakhs; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken to stop work so as to give the work to the technically fit and lowest Bidders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of parties which had participated and amount quoted are indicated below:

1. M/s Subash Construction Co. Dombivli Rs. 1,50.80.000.00
2. Sh. R.G. Gangwani, Ulhasnagar. Rs. 1,25.17,400.00
3. M/s Navbharat Construction Co, Vikhroli Rs. 1,35.75,500.00
4. Sh. C.B. Shah, Kalyan Rs. 1,10.60,156.25
5. M/s Mahavir Construction, Andheri Rs. 1,00,75,000.00
6. M/s Maruti Civil Works, Nerual. Rs. 79,35.000.09

M/s surbhi enterprises and M/s. Anupam Builders had also participated but their quotations were not opened as they were not considered suitable on the basis of their techno-commercial offer.

(c) and (d) Only one complaint was received from M/s Anupam Builders. Since the tender was awarded to the lowest eligible tenderer, there is no question of revenue loss to Company.

Howrah-Delhi-Poorva Express

1818. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for detaching A.C.I, coach from Patna in Howrah-Delhi-Poorva Express;

(b) whether there is any proposal to reattach A.C.I. Coach to this train;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (d). Poorva Express has been provided with new Air brake type of stock and composite I AC coach now being turned out by Integral Coach Factory will be provided shortly.

Computerised Booking system and counters of Major Cities in India

1819. DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in most of the major cities in India the Railways have computerised Booking System and Counters

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand to have these Booking Counters at the Airport Terminals for the convenience of the travelling public in all major cities;

(c) if so, what is Government's response in this regard; and

(d) by when this facility would be provided at both the domestic and international terminals of the four metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Only a few requests have been received.

(c) and (d) Railway had provided manual reservation counters at a few major Airports but due to poor utilization, this facility was withdrawn except at Calcutta. As such the provision of PRS terminals which deal with larger reservation volume, does not appear to be justified.